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### WIRELESS LOCAL NUMBER PORTABILITY

Do you receive your local wireline telephone service from any of the following?

- ✓ Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc.;
- ✓ Chesnee Telephone Company;
- ✓ Chester Telephone Company;
- ✓ Farmers Telephone Cooperative, Inc.;
- ✓ Fort Mill Telephone Company, d/b/a Comporium Communications;
- ✓ FTC Diversified Services, Inc.;
- ✓ Hargray, Inc.;
- ✓ Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.;
- ✓ Home Telephone Company, Inc.;
- ✓ Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.;
- ✓ HTC Communications, Inc.;
- ✓ Lancaster Telephone Company; d/b/a Comporium Communications;
- ✓ Lockhart Telephone Company;
- ✓ McClellanville Telephone Company;
- ✓ Norway Telephone Company;
- ✓ Palmetto Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.;
- ✓ Piedmont Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.;
- ✓ PBT Communications;
- ✓ PBT Telecom, Inc.;
- ✓ PRT Communications, LLC;
- ✓ Ridgeway Telephone Company;
- ✓ Rock Hill Telephone Company d/b/a Comporium Communications;
- ✓ Sandhill Telephone Cooperative, Inc.;
- ✓ St. Stephen Telephone Company;
- ✓ West Carolina Communications, LLC;
- ✓ West Carolina Rural Telephone Cooperative, Inc.;
- ✓ Williston Telephone Company

Consumers who receive wireless telephone service in the service area of these local telephone companies WILL be able to keep their wireless telephone numbers if they change from one wireless carrier to another wireless carrier effective November 24, but they WILL NOT be able to change their home telephone number to their cell phone number as late as May 2004 as a result of a vote by the South Carolina Public Service Commission last week.

Acting Consumer Advocate Elliott Elam stated, "Since there is no written ruling yet, it isn't clear whether this is a temporary situation that the PSC will resolve after a hearing. The telephone companies have not made a case for a long-term waiver of this requirement. Not even a six-month waiver."

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For more information about Wireless Local Number Portability, please contact the Consumer Advocacy Division at 803.734.4182/ or toll-free in South Carolina, 1.800.922.1594.

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